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Outdoor walking tours explore McNary area wildlife, history

Umatilla, Ore. – Park rangers at the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' McNary Lock and Dam have announced plans to hold two hiking tours of the Columbia River Plateau. The tours will focus on the people, wildlife and geology of the McNary region.

Participants will take a one-mile hike along Hatrock Trail on Saturday, Nov. 2, with Pasquale Anolfo, a Walla Walla District park ranger at McNary, to an area that offers a picturesque view of the Columbia River. At this location, he will provide an overview of the Columbia River Plateau geology and its relationship to the region's human history. The graveled trail follows an old railroad route.

David McDermott, another McNary park ranger, will guide walkers through the Wildlife Nature Area on Sunday, Nov. 10. McDermott's tour will identify various types of waterfowl and provide information about the many species of wildlife in the nature area. The path is smooth, flat and covered with a thick layer of bark mulch.

Both hikes begin at 1 p.m. The Hatrock Trail tour departs from the east end of the McNary Beach parking lot. The nature area tour starts at McNary's Pacific Salmon Visitor Information Center. For more information about these events, call (541) 922-2268. Rangers advise participants to dress warmly, wear hiking boots or other sturdy shoes, bring a cushion or pad to sit on and something to drink. Both tours offer scenic photo opportunities. Maps and binoculars will be available for free loan during the wildlife area walk. In case of inclement weather, these programs will be modified, moved indoors and based on video and slide shows.

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